

The movement toward the deregulation of markets has destroyed the livelihoods of millions of Americans in the past few years. Why is our government considering deregulating markets that are presently functioning effectively? Why is there the proposition to fix something that is not broken? To increase competition and encourage a more robust market? That was the premise behind the deregulation of the energy markets--the same deregulation that has sapped billions of dollars out of the pockets of taxpayers that wound up lining the pockets of well-heeled corporate officers in the form of executive bonuses. The deregulation of radio has not made for a more vibrant market--it is bland and uninteresting, ruled by boilerplate playlists and regional marketing polls. I grew up with radio but stopped listening to it two years ago.

Again I reiterate, if something is not broken, then do not try to fix it. Agencies exist to represent the interests and the will of the people of this country, not high paid lobbyists and the corporate elite. Regulations have been put in place for a reason, they are not arbitrary constructs. Deregulation has been a failure any place that it has been employed, with the ultimate victim the individual American. This may not matter to political appointees with a laundry list of rich benefactors expecting dividends for their campaign contributions, but it matters to me, the individual American.